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We have learned that you are seriously considering closing the postal station in Phippsburg, Colorado. Our son and his family live in Phippsburg and we live over the mountains from them in Estes Park, Colorado. We have made frequent use of this post office, mailing items back and forth from our homes, with good, efficient service, I might add, so we all would certainly miss it. We have enjoyed our son's stories of their small local post office, the very friendly help received from the postal service people, the helpful information always forthcoming, not only with regard to their mail service but, being a small town, even to something like passing on the lineage of a dog they are thinking of adopting, or pinpointing the home where a stray kitty that appeared at their door has possibly wandered away from!

Our children have come to know the residents of this town, many of them elderly, with health concerns and needy in other ways, not the least of these being a need to not become isolated, a need to keep contact with others. The removal of the post office in this particular small town would create a severe hardship for many of these folks for whom the post office is not only the focal point but the only place for locals to connect as a community. It has no grocery stores, drugstores, barber shops, etc. where such pleasant random meetings usually occur in small towns. Added to the severe winters they experience, and the distance from any sizeable town, the loss of their local post office would contribute greatly to their problems.

Thanks to this small post office, Phippsburg remains the quintessential small American town where people are able to meet, to visit with one another, and continue to know and care for one another. We all know such as these are disappearing far too fast. The two of us (writing this letter), being now in our 80s, living in another small western town, feel fortunate to have a small post office where we enjoy connecting with our neighbors--and we are also fortunate in having grocery stores, barber shops, etc. We find it hard to believe the relatively small amount of financial gain you would experience by removing this tiny post office could come anywhere near balancing the loss to these folks--essentially the loss of any sense of "town" in this community. Please reconsider and allow them to keep something perhaps relatively insignificant to you, but so essential to their lives.

Sincerely,

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